

Dev (1954⁸) Department.

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G.O. No. 4720

Dated 17.9.1948

[Despatch Abstract.]

Agriculture - Grow More Food - Five Year Plan for food production in the Province - Employment of Additional Staff-Plant Protection Officers - Sanctioned - Seed Development Officers

Negative

Abstract

AGRICULTURE - Grow More Food - Five Year Plan for Food Production
in the Province - Employment of Additional Staff Plant Protection
Officers - Sanctioned - Seed Development Officer - Negatived.

Development Department

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Dated the 17th September 1948
READ the following:

G.C.Ms.No. 2535, Development, dated 9-6-1947.
From the Director of Agriculture, No.76/48, d/6-5-1948.
From the Director of Agriculture, No.EE2.76/48/3/ 15-7-1948.

C R D L R: -

Scheme No. 16 appended to the Five Year Plan for Food Production in the Province approved in G.O.No. 2535, Development, dated 2.5.9.6.1947 contemplates the employment of additional staff in the Districts consisting of a number of Regional Deputy Directors of Agriculture, District Agricultural Officers, and other subordinate staff. The Director of Agriculture is of the opinion that the large increase in staff as contemplated is not necessary merely to work the plan. He is however of the opinion that it is necessary to pay greater attention to the work relating to demonstration and propaganda, to the maintenance of the purity of the seeds of improved strains, and to plant protection. He has therefore submitted the following proposals:-

(i) to continue the posts of four Headquarters Deputy Directors of Agriculture, and the Joint Director of Agriculture, and to revive the post of Deputy Director of Agriculture (Engineering) which has been kept in abeyance;

(ii) to employ two Assistant Crop Specialists on Rs. 230-700 p.m. each and 38 crop Assistants (25 for paddy and 13 for Millets) on Rs. 100-220 p.m. and menial staff for seed Development work, and

(iii) to employ 4 Plant Protection Officers (2 Assistant Entomologists and 2 Assistant Mycologists) on Rs. 230-700 p.m. each, and 43 Assistants (excluding the nine posts of entomycological Demonstrators already in existence) on Rs. 100-220 p.m. each to provide one Assistant in entomology and one in Mycology for each district and necessary ministerial and menial staff for plant protection work.

2. The Government agree with the Director of Agriculture that it is not necessary to employ the full complement of additional staff contemplated in the Five Year Plan. They also accept the proposals of the Director of Agriculture for the employment of Plant Protection Officers and staff, but consider that it is not necessary to employ the Assistant Crop Specialists (and staff under them) for seeds work. His Excellency the Governor of Madras accordingly sanctions the employment of the following temporary staff for a period of one year from the date of their appointment:-

(i) Four Plant Protection Officers (two for Entomology and two for Mycology) on Rs. 270-700 p.m. each as temporary additions to category 6 of the Madras Agricultural Service;

(ii) Forty three Assistants (Upper Subordinates) in Mycology and in Entomology on Rs. 100-220 p.m. each as temporary additions to category 1 of class I of the Madras Agricultural Subordinate Service."

(iii) Four Upper Division Clerks on Rs. 80-110 p.m. each;

(iv) Four Lower Division Clerks on 9½ the Plant Protection
Rs. 45-90 p.m. each; and 1 officers.

(v) Eight neons on Rs. 16-25 each.

The headquarters of two Plant Protection Officers (one for Entomology and the other for Mycology) will be at Bapatla and they will control the work of the Assistants in entomology and in Mycology employed in the northern districts, and the Headquarters of the other two Plant Protection Officers (one for Entomology and the other for Mycology) will be at Coimbatore, and they will control the work of the Assistants in Entomology and Mycology employed in the Southern districts. The 43 Assistants now sanctioned together with 6 posts of Entomology Demonstrators already employed in the district will be distributed at two & one for Entomology and the other for Mycology) for each district. The Director of Agriculture is requested to submit proposals for defining the functions and duties of the Plant Protection Officer and their relations to the District Staff, the Specialists at Coimbatore, the Headquarters and the Plant Protection Adviser of the Government of India.

3. Of the four posts of Headquarters Deputy Directors of Agricultural referred to in para 1 (i) above one is permanent and the other three are temporary. Sanction has already been accorded for the continuance of two of temporary posts upto 31-3-1948, and the question of continuance of the third post upto 31st March 1949 is under separate consideration and the Director of Agriculture has been authorised to continue the post in anticipation of Government Orders. The post of the Joint Director of Agriculture has also been continued upto 31st March 1949. No further orders are therefore called for the continuance of the posts of Headquarters Deputy Directors and Joint Director. As regards the revival of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Engineering) which has been kept under advance, the question should lie over till a decision is arrived at on the proposal for the amalgamation of the Engineering staff of the Industries Department with that of the Agricultural Department.

4. Sanction is also accorded for a non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 14,750 (Rs. fourteen thousand seven hundred and fifty only) towards the purchase of equipments and furniture for the offices of the Plant Protection Officers and the Assistants.

5. The expenditure should be debited to '40. Agriculture -d. Agricultural Demonstrators and Propaganda etc.' The Director of Agriculture is requested to submit a supplementary statement of expenditure.

6. The Government of India will be addressed separately for a half grant to meet the additional expenditure involved in the scheme.

7. The Director of Agriculture is requested to submit draft ad hoc rules in respect of the temporary posts wherever necessary.

8. The Director of Agriculture is also requested to submit a report on the work done by the Plant Protection Officers by the 15th of the month following each quarter. The programme of work should be settled before hand and close watch should be kept on the outbreak of pests and diseases of crops and not only remedial measures but also preventive measures should be taken promptly. Close liaison should be maintained by the Plant Protection Officers with the field staff, the agricultural meteorology section, the Specialists at Coimbatore, the Agricultural Research Stations and the Plant quarantine and biological control Stations wherever they exist.

(BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR)

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